

## **30 Hours Free Childcare**

Working families of three and four-year olds can qualify for an additional 15 hours of free childcare. That's in addition to the current offer of 15 hours per term time week.

### **The additional free hours are available to families:**

- Where both parents are working, or a single parent is working in single parent families
- Earning more than the equivalent of the National Minimum Wage for working 16 hours a week
- Where each parent earns less than £100,000 per year.

You'll need to claim your additional hours and receive your eligibility code before the start of the term to access your funding in that term.

<b>Deadline Date</b>	<b>Funding Paid From</b>
31 August	Autumn term
31 December	Spring Term
31 March	Summer Term

### **Eligible families apply directly to HMRC via their website for 30 Hour Funding:**

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

All about Government help with childcare costs, including 15 to 30 hours' free childcare, Tax-Free Childcare, tax credits, Universal Credit, vouchers and support while you study

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Applications are managed and approved by HMRC and any queries regarding the application process should be referred to their Customer Interaction Centre on 0300 123 4097.

### **Once approved:**

You will be given an 11digit code starting 500\*\*\*\*\* or 114\*\*\*\*\* (temporary code). Please give this code to the Nursery Office along with the confirmation email/text message.

### **Information for Families reconfirming their eligibility code:**

- Every three months you are required to reconfirm that you remain eligible for 30 hours. You do this through the HMRC website using the log in you created when you first applied. If your details have not changed you only need to tick a box in your childcare service account to confirm your details remain the same – this will then automatically be fed back through to local authority systems.
- You should receive two reminders to reconfirm (4 weeks and 2 weeks before your reconfirmation deadline). If you miss the reconfirmation deadline, despite the reminders, you will receive a message from HMRC telling you that you are no longer eligible for 30 hours however (where you are already claiming extended hours) you will remain entitled until the end of your current grace period. If you have not claimed Extended Hours with the nursery – you will not be able to start a new claim in the grace period.